

Writers and Authors (27-3043)

Occupation description: Originate and prepare written material, such as scripts, stories, advertisements, and other material. Excludes "Public Relations Specialists" (27-3031) and "Technical Writers" (27-3042).

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	54	57	5.6	0	1	2
United States	145,900	155,400	6.5	950	3,810	4,760

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	33.30	n/a	13.61	27.77	56.27
Alaska	28.57	30.29	32.01	20.26	30.68	41.23
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	27.65	29.32	30.99	19.88	29.91	39.18
Balance of State	26.13	30.01	33.89	19.67	31.67	40.92

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
70	1	1.4	45.7	32.9

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	10
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	3
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	216
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	54.0

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Long-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage	
Creat Writing & Lit Arts	MFA
Creative Writing & Lit Arts	MFA
Journalism & Public Comm	BA
University of Alaska Anchorage, Prince William Sound	
Playwriting	AFA
University of Alaska Fairbanks	
Communication	BA
Creative Writing	MFA
Creative Writing & Literature	MAMFA
Journalism	BA
Professional Communication	MA

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